

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

**AGENDA ID # 14563
RESOLUTION E-4758
January 14, 2016**

R E S O L U T I O N

Resolution E-4758. Southern California Edison Company (SCE)
Transfer Easements to the City of Menifee for Flood Control
Purposes per Riverside County Flood Control and Water
Conservation District.

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- This Resolution approves Southern California Edison Company's AL 3298-E with an effective date of today. SCE's proposes transfer easements to the City of Menifee for flood control purposes pursuant to a request by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Effective administration of SCE's fee property is part of the responsibility of SCE to meet their obligations under Public Utilities Code Section 451 to provide services that promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of their patrons, employees and the public.
- There are no specific safety concerns with this transaction. The granting of these easements is expected to improve public safety with regard to storm and flooding events in the City of Menifee.

ESTIMATED COST:

- A request for authority to transfer property pursuant to GO 173 requires the filing of cost information. This transaction has an appraised value of \$13,700 for both easements to be granted by SCE.

By Advice Letter 3298-E filed on October 23, 2015.

SUMMARY

This Resolution approves SCE's AL 3298-E, with an effective date of today. On October 23, 2015, SCE filed Advice Letter 3298-E requesting approval under General Order 173 and Public Utilities Code Section 851 to transfer easements to the City of Menifee for flood control purposes.

BACKGROUND

The Riverside County Flood Control District (District) has identified a need for SCE to transfer two easements to the City of Menifee for flood control purposes pursuant to a request by the District. These easements will allow the District to install a storm drain and erect other drainage and flood control related improvements such as storm drains and storm basins.

An Addendum to a previous Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared by the District pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Upon review by District staff, it was determined that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for the preparation of a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration or EIR have occurred, and further CEQA review was not required. A Negative Declaration (ND) pursuant to CEQA was prepared and adopted by the District on September 9, 2014. The ND found no significant impacts to environmental or other resources resulting from the facilities subject to the easements to be granted by SCE.

NOTICE

Notice of AL 3298-E was made by publication in the Commission's Daily Calendar. SCE states that AL3298-E was filed in accordance with the noticing requirements of General Order 173. In addition, SCE provided notice in accordance with General Order 96-B.

PROTESTS

There were no protests to SCE Advice Letter 3298-E.

DISCUSSION

The Commission has reviewed SCE AL 3298-E and the associated documentation, including the attached Notice of Determination prepared by the Riverside County Flood Control District and has determined that the document complies with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Commission finds that SCE's AL 3298-E request for approval was made in accordance with the streamlined procedure adopted by the Commission in General Order 173 and Public Utilities Code Section 851. The Commission finds that the relief requested in AL3298-E is not adverse to the public interest and should be granted.

COMMENTS

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

FINDINGS

1. On October 23, 2015, SCE filed Advice Letter 3298-E to transfer two easements to the City of Menifee for flood control purposes pursuant to a request by the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District under General Order 173 and Public Utilities Code Section 851.
2. There are no specific safety concerns with this transaction.
3. This transaction has an appraised value of \$13,700.
4. The Riverside County Flood Control District has identified a need for SCE to transfer two easements to the City of Menifee for flood control purposes pursuant to a request by the District. These easements will allow the District to install a storm drain and erect other drainage and flood control related improvements such as storm drains and storm basins.
5. An Addendum pursuant to CEQA was prepared, and a Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA was adopted by the District on September 9, 2014. The ND found no additional significant impacts to environmental or other resources resulting from the facilities subject to the easements to be granted by SCE.

6. The Commission has reviewed SCE AL 3298-E and the associated documentation, including the attached Notice of Determination prepared by the Riverside County Flood Control District and has determined that the document complies with the requirements of CEQA, and the Negative Declaration prepared by the District is adequate for the Commission's decision-making purposes as a Responsible Agency pursuant to CEQA.
7. Notice of AL 3298-E was made by publication in the Commission's Daily Calendar. A copy of the Advice Letter was mailed and distributed in accordance with the noticing requirements of General Order 173 and General Order 96-B.
8. Advice Letter AL 3298-E was not protested.
9. The Commission finds that this is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.
10. SCE Advice Letter 3298-E complies with the streamlined procedures adopted by the Commission in General Order 173.
11. SCE states that it has reviewed the proposed project facilities and has determined that they will not interfere with SCE's operations or SCE's ability to provide safe and reliable utility services to its customers.
12. Approval of this transaction will not impair SCE's provision of utility service, and it will provide benefits to the public by facilitating flood control improvements.
13. The Commission finds that the relief requested in AL 3298-E is not adverse to the public interest and should be granted.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of Southern California Edison Company for approval to transfer two easements to the City of Menifee as requested by the Riverside County Flood Control District in AL 3298-E is approved.

This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held January 14, 2016; the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN
Executive Director